

NEWS OF NEARBY COUNTIES

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THE HOUSEHOLD.

Decorating For Receptions—"Silver Bells" Music Portfolio—Maroons Glazes.

Whether the decorations be few or many, let the position of every spray of flowers or greens, every ribbon streamer, every strip of bunting, be considered not only individually, but in connection with the entire scheme of decoration. Generally speaking, it is better to concentrate it in one effective mass than to make it extend over so large a space that no part of it can be made effective. Thus the flowers may all be given to the large table, the smaller ones simply having the fronds of hardy ferns scattered over the cloths. This will give a much better effect than a meager bunch of flowers on each table. These hardy ferns can usually be procured at the florist's for about 5 cents a bunch of 100 fronds. If no flowers at all are used, there are great decorative possibilities in these ferns alone.

Carrying out the same idea in other decorations, it would seem better to mass the ribbons and bunting or flags in one handsome grouping over a window at the end of the room or about the rostrum than to so scatter them that the meagerness of the quantity would of itself attract attention. One of the most attractive of decorations was seen in a church vestry, over whose window ivy was trained. The nearest approach to this could be made with trailing greens.—Inez Redding in Woman's Home Companion.

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One would be pardoned for thinking that a man who earned his livelihood by working in the fresh air of the country, surrounded by sights of delight to the eye and refreshing to the mind, would be less liable to brain diseases than the man sitting on a stool over a ledger in the stuffy atmosphere of a smoke dyed city.

If statistics prove anything they prove the worthlessness of that possible supposition, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. More agricultural laborers go mad, per cent per cent, than any other workers. It is monotony which excites discontent, which leads to depression, which develops in a cure, possibly in a suicidal act, probably in an asylum. It may safely be said that Sunday saves thousands upon thousands from the madhouse.—It is the one break from week to week which thousands of natures demand.

The agricultural laborer, the artisan and other similar classes of workers live in monotony, and here and there by a small incident in time becomes itself monotonous. A man perhaps drives rivets; he drives them every day of the week except Sunday; every motion of his work becomes mechanical; he has no interest in his work beyond what it finds for him on Saturday. He has one thing to do, and the more he does that the less he enjoys doing it. Consequently the brain gets tired, and for want of more general use and weakness until it snaps.

A fine thing is a healthy hobby, but a finer, especially for indoor workers, is a sport. Healthy recreation keeps more people out of the madhouse than anything the doctors could do. Nature demands a certain amount of balance, and she will have it or be revenged.

Scientists are still disagreeing about the age of the earth. They have been actively discussing the subject for the last 30 years, and yet no general agreement has been arrived at. The school of Hutton and Playfair had come to believe that the whole of eternity was the duration of the geologists, when Sir W. Thomson, now Lord Kelvin, astonished the scientific world by declaring that the age of our planet must be more than 20,000,000 years, but less than 400,000,000 years. This larger estimate has now been restricted by him to not much more than 20,000,000, while Professor Tait grudgingly allows something less than 10,000,000. Sir Archibald Geikie showed that even the production of the denudation which has been adduced in support of the incredibly vast antiquity of our globe might be accounted for at the present rate of action within such a period as 100,000,000 years. Sir Archibald, in an address before the British association, now concedes that it is just as well to leave the dispute about the age of the earth to the decision of the future. He creates a pond of the large imported account in the solution of this vast problem. Sir Archibald recommended a study of atmospheric denudations of buildings, and he urged upon town geologists that they might do good service by careful scrutiny of ancient buildings and monuments, so as to obtain definite measures of the rate of their decay.

Extraordinary Carvings. Some very extraordinary carvings are to be found at Thombon, on the Irawaddy, where they are cut out of the face of a high cliff rising directly from the river bank and are of great size. They consist of a succession of rudely formed niches, in appearance something like the catacombs of Rome, and these are full of large and small images of Buddha, who is represented in several positions. On the summit of the cliff is a pagoda of great sanctity, which is visited every year by large numbers of pilgrims.

Mrs. J. K. Miller, Newton Hamilton, Pa., writes: "I used DeVries' White Hazel Salve on the grandest 'sore made.' It cures piles and heals everything. All fraudulent imitations are worthless. City Pharmacy."

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"My health is much better since I have been using Dr. Pierce's medicines," writes Mrs. Cora Brooks of Martin, Frankfort, Ky. "After having a miscarriage in 1895, I suffered with a pain in my left side, and a lingering cough which grew worse and worse. I used Wine of Cardui, but it only gave me temporary relief. Last spring I got two bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and after using it I feel better. I began to take it in the morning, and it has done me a great deal of good. The book said if the disease was complicated with cough to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and I took it. Mr. Brooks got the 'Golden Medical Discovery' and I took it. The cough left me at once and I got better so rapidly my husband was surprised. I am now well, and my improvement, I took two bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and I am now well and to work and do the washing for two days a week."

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CRONJE'S GALLANT STAND.

The history of the world is full of the noble deeds of patriots who have dared to face death in behalf of their country and their homes.

But no more brilliant page of history was ever written than that which will enroll the names of the heroic leader and his devoted army, who was overwhelmed by the vast army of England, under Lord Roberts, February 27, 1900.

General Cronje's name will be a synonym for gallantry wherever the love of Liberty is allowed free scope. His masterly retreat, which was a continued fight over every inch of ground, and his last grand effort as he came to bay in the rocky bed of the Modder river, taught the world a lesson of bravery, and proved that even under the burning sun of South Africa a liberty loving race has been bred who could not be made to bend the knee to the dominating race. This fight of the brave army of Boers can be compared with nothing in the whole history of war. Never before has war wielded such deadly missiles, and the fact that these men faced death and the stifling fumes of the Lydite shells for more than one week, with a perfect hell of fire and destruction pouring upon them from a hundred cannon, reveals to the world the stubborn valor of this race of freemen.

All honor to the fearless Cronje and his brave comrades. They are fighting for their homes and their firesides against greed for gold and lust for dominion.

We deplore the fact that some form of peaceful adjustment could not have been arranged before the final appeal to the arbitrament of war was made.

Now is the time for mediation and we hope that the good offices of some government may be offered and made effective to stay the slaughter of freedom loving people on one side and loyal subjects on the other.

THE attempt of the Government to induce the adoption of conservative methods of lumbering in order to preserve the national resources, and the responsive interest taken by timber owners, have brought up many interesting legal questions, and the Division of Forestry has found it necessary to make extensive researches in this direction. As the result, a circular dealing with the laws which affect forests is in course of preparation and will be sent free to persons interested. One of the most important points brought out is the recognition by law of the prospective value of growing timber. The possibility of profitably carrying on lumbering with systematic provision for future cutting depends upon this point. It has usually been held that when, by trespass, or by unscrupulous cutting by contractors, timber has been removed contrary to the owner's wish, he could recover only its stumpage value. As forestry usually requires that a certain number of trees of certain size be left, it follows that an unscrupulous contractor could easily upset the plans of years with little fear of punishment. The Supreme Court, however, has recently ruled that the difference in value between logged and unlogged land depends not only on the value of the timber removed, but on its probable increase had it been left untouched.

TOMORROW Township No. 4, which includes Sutter Creek and Amador City, will vote for the establishment of a high school. If each one who signed the petition backs up his signature with a vote the question will be settled in the affirmative. That a school of the kind is needed in the county there is no doubt, and that this is the first step toward that end is equally true. We expect good results from Township Four to-morrow.

SENATOR ALLISON has chosen for his fellow members of the Republican Steering Committee, the following brilliant array of Senatorial talent: Hale, of Maine; Aldrich, of Rhode Island; Cullom, of Ill.; Wolcott, of Colo.; Sewell, of New Jersey; Spooner, of Wisconsin; McBride, of Washington, and Hanna, of Ohio. With such able and experienced advisers to arrange the order of business, republicans can be certain that no mistake will be made by the Senate.

THE CHRISTIAN DAILY, which Rev. Sheldon, of Topeka, Kansas, is going to run for one week as Jesus would run it, has been subscribed for by people in all parts of the world. The demand for the paper is simply overwhelming. The last two days that subscriptions were received, upward of 60,000 names were added to the subscription list. Intense interest is felt in Topeka in the Sheldon experiment.

THE resolution introduced by Congressman DeVries of this District, for the preservation of the Calaveras big trees was effectual and the big trees have been saved from the speculator who hoped to turn a pretty penny in the venture. The timely and zealous work of ladies of the California Club had much to do in bringing about this desirable end.

ACCORDING to a press report from Auburn, Indiana, ex-President Benjamin Harrison is a Boer sympathizer. It appears, however, that he refuses to be publicly quoted, lest his words embarrass the McKinley administration. According to the S. F. Chronicle of March 7, which quotes from the New York World, ex-President Harrison contends that there is no occasion for gratitude on the part of this government toward the British. He thinks the British were guilty of inhuman practices during the Revolutionary War and that their attack on this Nation in 1812 had no justification from any international standpoint, while their conduct toward the Union during the Civil War was also reprehensible. He sees no occasion for enthusiasm over the friendship of the English during the war with Spain, as it was a war against cruelty and clearly for humanity. There was no reason why the British or any other enlightened nation should not have been with America on this proposition. If the British were suppressing cruelty in South Africa or remedying conditions that interfered with humane government the United States would be justified in lending its sympathy. On the contrary, General Harrison thinks, here is a republic fighting for its home and its own government, a cause as just as the Americans had in their great war of the eighteenth century.

In the old days a personal reference, made on the floor of the Senate, by Senator Tillman to Senator Morgan would have resulted in pistols and coffee for two, but there is no longer any fighting in Congress, even when such Southern hot-heads as Tillman and Morgan indulge in flinging personal insults at each other. The incident grew out of the refusal of Morgan some days before, to give the floor to Tillman in order that he might reply to a taunt of Senator Wolcott, about the "suppressed vote" of South Carolina. Tillman said: "I have felt indignant at the treatment I received from the Senator. Never in my experience in the Senate, have I been treated so discourteously by any member of the Senate." At this point Morgan attempted to interrupt him to make a statement, but Tillman impetuously waved him aside, and continued: "I decline to yield to the Senator. He has put himself outside of the pale of courtesy and consideration, so far as I am concerned."

PRESIDENT WHEELER of the University of California is an enthusiast, but not in the sense that he permits his prejudices to bias his judgment. He is energetic and practical, and it may be, therefore, accepted that his utterances concerning the existing conditions of California and the effect of those conditions on our future are based on knowledge. We quote him as follows: "In the Eastern States I find that great interest is being manifested among all classes of the great cities in California's growing importance as a commercial and educational center. Only on the Pacific Coast is there a lack of understanding and appreciation of the strategic value, commercially, of our position, as created by the recent developments in the Orient."

WICKED San Francisco is all agog and on its knees to a 13-year-old boy preacher, whose apt and instantaneous answers to knotty questions propounded by the Solons of Sodomy, are said to be marvelous. The wisdom of Solomon, according to published reports, rests on the two small shoulders of the young stripling.

FATHER YORKE, of San Francisco, has taken up the social evil question and is handling it without gloves. He is a Gatling gun of hot shot and he spares neither the high nor the low. May the good seed he is sowing bear an hundred fold.

SUPERIOR COURT.
D. Boro vs Mary A. Turner—Argument on demurrer continued to March 10th.
Lottie May Liddicoat vs Wm. R. Liddicoat—Action for divorce. Trial set for April 3d.
M. Rossi vs G. Garibaldi—Trial continued to March 10th.
M. Bearce vs B. Bearce—Trial continued to March 19th.
Bunker Hill Con. Mining Co. vs Bunker Hill Quartz Mining Co.—Trial set for March 19th.
Anna C. Schley vs B. Jelmini—Action to quiet title. Trial had and decree granted.
People vs J. H. Giles—Matter of setting cause for trial continued indefinitely to be set on five days notice.
J. Q. Horton vs A. Adams—Order dismissing appeal.
Estate of L. H. Abramofsky—Decree settling final account and distributing estate.
Estate of John Celio—L. J. Fontenrose appointed administrator.
Matter of the application of James F. Peek to adopt Thomas W. Wright, the minor child of Katie L. Peek (nee Katie L. Wright). Order of adoption granted.

THE PHILIPPINE WAR.
March 1.—Admiral Dewey advises the building of more warships.
March 2.—Major-General Otis will soon return from Manila.—Filipinos ambushed and many killed.
March 3.—Lieutenant Gibbons makes a dash raid and rescues American and Spanish prisoners in Southern Luzon.
March 4.—Natives in Luzon expected to resume armed opposition in the rainy season.
March 5.—A squad of colored troops from the Twenty-fourth went across the San Luis at Naguilan and rout the Filipinos.
March 6.—General Bates' division engages in a sharp battle.—Conditions in Manila are vastly improved.
March 7.—Admiral Watson may be recalled. Rear Admiral Romey will take his place at Manila.

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Health Officer's Report.
County Health Officer Endicott filed the following report with the Board of Supervisors for the month of February: Have abated ten public nuisances dangerous to health; have issued eight burial permits—five for Jackson, two for Lone and one for Lancha Plana. Cause of death: Two, Bright's disease, two consumption, one cerebral hemorrhage, one pneumonia and one arsenical poisoning with suicidal intent.

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MOTHER LODE GEOLOGY

Features of the Lode In Amador County.

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF STRINGERS

California Is In Great Need of a Geological Survey, Which Would Add to Our Importance.

By JOHN A. FAULL.
In speaking of the great lode system in Amador county, there are features most interesting that do not appear to be touched upon by the examiners in the field for the Mining Bureau. We have spoken of the Keystone mine at Amador City; it has been generally recognized as a contact vein, or series of veins. This fissure is bounded on the east by the so-called green-stone hanging wall—we have explained heretofore what the real character of that wall is. At the south end of this mining claim, some two thousand feet south of the main working shaft, there was a claim known as the "Jones and Davis," now known as the South Spring Hill or Talisman; here the lode leaves the clay slates which course north and south, and follow the fracture at an angle of seventy-two degrees east, the lode holding its contact form for 280 feet east of the clay slate line, when the entire dyke became fractured, cracked and seamed—the gold being found bunchy and spangled, and instead of iron and copper sulphurets being the controlling factors in gold productions, arsenic became the base with quartz and fluor-spar in which the gold was found. The fracture, however, cut clear through the great dyke and connected the black clay slate on the west, known as the gouge slates, with the east. How far this fracture may effect the eastern vein system along this belt, is a question for consideration. So far as now known, no direct communication has been traced in the gold current, that is to say, in any absolute or demonstrated form. Black slate has been found, but not the black clay slate colored with the oxide of manganese filled with iron and copper pyrites, such as exist on the west side of the dyke. This condition of things continues for quite a long distance north and south. This current, appears to re-enter the west fissure at the old Eureka mine, about 800 feet south of Sutter Creek. Here again the clay slates are found pyritic with the green-stone as the hanging wall. We will here stop and consider the effect of the great glacial moraine which divided Sutter creek from Jackson creek. The so-called contact appears to be disarranged, or rather, an absolute change—the Onelda, Kennedy and Argonaut mines having their foot-walls, as it is claimed, of green-stone. This is in fact, however, amygdaloid. Here the slates are pyritic in the same manner as heretofore described. As a matter of fact, such breaks, divisions, concentrations and separations occur along the line of the lode system, not only in the county of Amador, but in the adjoining counties Calaveras and Tuolumne. Passing from Jackson on the west belt, following what is known as Murphy's Ridge, there are a number of seams, veins and threads of quartz and slate which carry gold, but none have been traced to any great depth. The veins of the ridge and top of the hill were found to be exceedingly rich, but nothing of value has been found at any great depth.

The gold current, if I may use that expression, appears to have left the clay slate a little north of the town of Jackson and passed into the talcose slates in the Zella mine, from which point it again crossed into the clay slate, but it does not show prominent concentrated wealth until the Gwin mine is reached, one mile south of the Mokelumne river. In the veins of quartz found on the west side of Murphy's Ridge, the gold is in arsenical sulphurets, what the miners call black metal. This is a repetition of that spoken of between Amador City and Sutter Creek; arsenical or mispickel gold bearers were often found in the Mahoney mine at Sutter Creek. These changes had not been noted with that care with which they should have been. They are, however, of interest to the miner or would-be miner. Nature has made a change, hence it is time for them to be looking to their "P's and Q's" so as not to attempt the impossible.

Unless nature has placed metal in the vein, lode or ledge, men cannot get it out. So far as known, this black metal of which I speak ends at the Mokelumne river, as I know of none being found beyond that point. It is difficult to account for this occurrence, yet it is a fact. Across the river there are found a number of veins, but none of concentrated value until the Gwin mine is reached. Here the black clay slate (pyritic) associated with quartz, make the pay shoot of this famous mine. The deposit here is a little less than 1300 feet long—its depth is unknown. From here the lode system splits into three separate lines which do not appear to form any deposit until reaching the vicinity of San Andreas. Here, strange to say, the great talcose slates are found to the west, while the gold belt with the black clay slates, containing pyritic matter, may be found on the eastern division of the lode, such as that at the Ford mine and the adjoining mines to the north and south. Here is a problem to be unraveled in which there is, beyond doubt, great wealth. The slates are rather broken, disturbed and segmental as the great fissure at this point must necessarily be developed.

Developments are often suspended and work abandoned because rich rock is not encountered just when expected. Lack of capital is often the cause, but very frequently, ignorance. Lack of study of surroundings, ignorance of the nature of the undertaking, the character of the undertaking and the character of the deposit being operated upon; this coupled with bull-headed stupidity, causes loss and frequently

disappointment.
This field in and about San Andreas has been broken by two cross-dykes, whether eruptive or not, I am not prepared to say positively; one of them appears to be an eruptive dyke—the other rather looks as though the fracture had been opened by end pressure when the clay and spary matter flowed into it subsequently. Lateral pressure and crystallization changed the features of the lode and of the dyke itself. The character of the pyritic matter here shown plainly that the action of carbonic acid gas has been very great—so much so, that the gehlenites are completely changed and the galena and blende is replaced by pizites, iron, senitum and tellurides. The slates are more or less metamorphosed, that is to say, earthy.

Much wealth has been taken from the surface, very largely distributed from the vein system. The wealth of this part of the district is to be found at great depth, as there is evidence of the magnitude of the great up-lift along the western slope of the mountain chain displacements. Cross fractures and splits are to be looked for in such a wide metalliferous zone. Here it must be remembered that the vein system is seven and three-eighths miles in width, the western side of the gold slates adjoining the copper slates. The eastern side adjoining the diorites, cyanites, granites, schists and dolomite.

The great need of California is a geological survey,—indeed, it is a disgrace that the first and only one ever appointed was abolished. The State Geologist and his assistants were expected to do in four or five years, the labor of a century. In a newly settled State without roads, an impatient community—for if such a term can be applied to any community on earth, it is that of the mining community—in the early days, so long as the geological survey existed, the great valleys we call the "cow counties," the legislature being controlled by men from the mountains representing the miners, and in their ambition for their "pile," as it was called, the valley's cause was ignored almost in toto, and the rights of any and all interest but their own. The day has come, however, when the great need of a geological survey for the State of California is admitted, which, if completed in a hundred years, will be a wonder of industry and compilation.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SATURDAY, the 17th day of March, 1900, at 10 o'clock, a. m., of said day, and the Court-room of said Court House in the town of Jackson, County of Amador, State of California, have been appointed as the time and place of proving the will of said Elizabeth J. McWayne, deceased, and for hearing the application of Edna M. McWayne, for the issuance to her of letters testamentary thereon.
Witness my hand and seal of said Court this 26th day of February, 1900. C. L. CULBERT, By R. R. BARNES, Deputy Clerk. Clerk.
JOHN F. DAVIS, Attorney for Petitioner. [SRA.] 3-3-tf

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AMADOR COUNTY.

Argonaut—Jackson.

The Argonaut mine is working full handed and producing regularly.

Onida—Jackson.

The unwatering and the repairing of the old Onida shaft continues night and day, and in the new shaft a station is being cut at the 1750 level. The total depth of the new shaft is about 2200 feet. Just as soon as the material for the mill can be placed on the ground its erection will begin.

Kirkwood G. M. Co.—Jackson.

The promoters of the Kirkwood mine visited the property last Wednesday and made an examination of the tunnel, securing some specimens of rock of an encouraging nature. One of the promoters informed the LEDGER that a well defined ledge of fully eight feet was apparent. Preliminary work preparatory to sinking will begin immediately.

Amador King—Jackson.

The recently acquired property, under bond, on which is located the Amador King mine, is being creditably informed, to be thoroughly prospected, but just when operation in force will begin we are not advised.

Bellwether—Jackson.

No late instructions have been received by foreman Knapp of the Bellwether mine, so far as the LEDGER is advised. Mr. Knapp, however, has everything in readiness for prompt work when the order to resume sinking is received.

Kennedy—Jackson.

The Kennedy mine is yielding its regular quota of the precious metal, and has a full force at work as usual. The new east shaft is going down at the rate of about ninety feet a month. This is considered to be rapid progress.

Peerless—Jackson.

Nothing especially new has occurred at the Peerless mine since our last issue. Superintendent Osborne continues to find indications, which he considers reliable, of a large body of ore lower down. It has been suggested by one of the directors of the company that Burleigh drills be substituted for hand-drilling, and the matter is under advisement.

Central Eureka—Sutter Creek.

Superintendent Thomas continues to find the encouragement in the Central Eureka that foretells the necessity for a mill, and that right speedily. It has been suggested that another run of ore be made at the Zeila mill, but we are not advised as to the probable decision of the management relative thereto.

Altaita—Amador.

The proposition of opening the Altaita mine is still in abeyance so far as we are informed, but we understand that the enterprise is quietly going forward and will eventually result in a thorough exploration of the property.

Zeila—Jackson.

Under the able management of Supt. W. F. Detert, the venerable Zeila mine is as regular as a clock. A full force of men are at work in the mine and the forty stamps unceasingly continue to grind exceedingly fine. Long live the Zeila.

Good Hope—Jackson.

The unused machinery of the Good Hope mine stands as a silent sentinel at the mouth of the shaft, guarding, as many believe, untold wealth below. When the owners of this mine intend to go down for that wealth is a question not generally known in this camp, or, at least, not generally talked about. We hope to see a move made pretty soon.

Rocket Mining Co. (Formerly Pioneer)

It is reported that the old Pioneer mine, four miles above Volcano, is to be reopened by T. J. Brandon, Byron Jennings and Colonel Dickinson, who have incorporated a company and are now disposing of stock (so we are informed) in San Francisco and San Jose.

Spagnoli Mine—Wieland.

A drift of fifty feet has been run in the Spagnoli mine since Supt. Fisher returned from San Francisco, and a three-foot ledge of very good ore has been encountered.

Gold Saver.

Messrs. Cox & Heydenfeldt of San Francisco are at Wieland testing a new gold-saving machine, not yet patented, with the view of taking it to Cape Nome. The experiments already made indicate that they have the long-looked-for and devotedly wished-for apparatus. At least, so says a correspondent from Wieland.

Lincoln—Sutter Creek.

The 500 foot crosscut in the Lincoln mine has been extended twenty-six feet, making the total distance from the shaft 236 feet. Little stringers of quartz were encountered in the face of the crosscut carrying sulphurets. It

resembles the channel crosscut at a point close to the vein channel, and probably within a few days the vein channel will be encountered. This crosscut and the 1200 have recently been surveyed preparatory to securing blueprints for the inspection of those interested. The crosscut west from the 1200 foot level has been extended forty-feet, making the total distance from the shaft ninety-four feet. The material in the face of the crosscut is a soft, gray slate with an easterly pitch, about the average pitch of the Mother Lode through this section. As long as the ground continues as it is now good headway will be made in this crosscut.

EL DORADO COUNTY.

Nugget: The Minnehaha mine has fifteen men at work and a four-stamp mill running night and day, the rock paying over \$20 a ton. This mine was only started up last fall. It is the desire of the lessees to build a twenty-five-stamp mill to crush the large body of paying ore which it produces. The success of this mine is due to the enterprise of that veteran miner Col. Frank Staples who has stuck to this property although told time and again it was no good.

We are informed through a reliable source that the Starlight mine has struck a rich chute of ore. It is being taken out and will be crushed in their ten-stamp mill as soon as the ditches can be repaired from winter-breaks and wood secured to run the mill. When this is done a force of about thirty-five or forty men will be put on. The boarding-house is kept by Miss Phoebe Palast, who understands thoroughly the art of catering to the appetites of the hungry men. In our next we will speak of the other mines we visited.

E. Blind, superintendent of the Blue Gouge, came up from San Francisco last night after a visit with his family. He reports that Mr. Parker of Boston, who is interested in the Bluffe Gouge, is expected out soon. The company contemplates putting up a twenty-stamp mill in addition to the Huntington now in operation.

Republican: Virgil Wise and Gus W. Wulff think that they have a bonanza. It is a placer proposition. Their mine is on Mr. Wise's place north of the Coloma road in White Oak Flat. They have taken out some nuggets.

The Union Mining Company are building a ten-stamp mill to work rock from a ledge owned by them in the vicinity of the Union mine, but too far from the mill already on that property to be crushed to advantage in it.

TUOLUMNE COUNTY.

Independent: O'Hara and MacKenzie have a promising combination pocket and milling ledge in the Experimental gulch district, near Columbia. It is a strong, true fissure vein, averaging in width from one to three feet, and from which some fine rock has been taken out during the short time active work has been under way. The claim is known as the Anacosta and is no disgrace to its famous Montana namesake.

The Vine Spring in the same locality as the Donmore, and is extremely promising property, and is lying idle at present, though indications point to resumption of operations at an early date. At the time of hanging up, several months ago, there was plenty of fine rock in sight in the various ledges, but the mine could not save the gold in the heavily sulphureted ore, so a discontinuance was made compulsory until negotiations could be completed for giving the rebellious material special treatment. Taken as an all-around proposition the Vine Spring is considered by experts—practical and technical—as being one of the best prospects in the county for a good big mine.

At the Golden Era both north and south dikes will be extended, each at present having an approximate length along the ledge of 150 feet. The mine was opened up by means of a crosscut tunnel which tapped the quartz after being driven 200 feet. It was considered one of the best prospects of the Columbia district in years gone by, having yielded over \$30,000 from a comparatively small amount of ground. The rock crushed yielded from \$3 to \$100 per ton in free gold. The average for everything between walls of \$15 per ton—no sulphurets being saved. The vein varies from one to five feet wide. The mine is owned by Conlin & Fowall and is equipped with a five-stamp mill. Water to drive the latter and for other purposes is received free and in abundance from Five Mile Creek. In mining circles the Golden Era is rated as first-class property.

From all accounts the Phoenix mine, owned by F. W. Reynolds and located on the Bolivar ranch, some six miles from Sonora, is destined at an early day to take rank as among the best along either of the great lodes. We have seen some of the rock taken from the main shaft at a depth of sixty feet and it is certainly good ore. Average samples submitted to Selby and other reputable concerns gave returns from free gold and sulphurets per ton of \$26 to \$30. The vein is at present eight feet wide, all hard quartz and in a superior formation. The free gold is outleached by that contained in the rebellious material, the latter being good for three per cent, of concentrates worth about \$520 per ton. It is said that a ten-stamp mill is soon to be placed on the property.

The friction wheels of the hoist have broken at the Rising Sun mine, sinking the shaft has been suspended until new wheels can be put in place. In the mean time miners are extracting ore from the upper levels. A new plunger pump has been ordered for the mine, and the latter being good for three per cent, of concentrates worth about \$520 per ton. It is said that a ten-stamp mill is soon to be placed on the property.

There are about seventy miners employed at Arasterville and the prospects in the mines there look favorable. The mine on Saratoga Hill, worked by Messrs. Lovely brothers and partners, added a \$4000 output to its credit this week.

Magnet: General Superintendent B. M. Newcomb, who arrived here last Wednesday, received telegraphic instructions from General Manager W. B. Buckminster of Boston, to suspend work at the Santa Ysabel mine temporarily. Following out these instructions, all workmen were laid off Thursday.

day excepting a few who have been retained to keep the mine from being flooded by water, and as might be expected, the reason for this suspension of work is not known. Nearly a year ago General Manager Buckminster visited the property and arranged for extensive development work. In order to complete this work it was necessary to purchase a larger hoist and power drills were recommended. Instructions were given for the purchase of a hoist, air-compressor with necessary machinery, and an addition of twenty stamps to the mill. By reason of delay in receiving electrical machinery, several months beyond the time specified in the contracts, the plant has not yet been completed. The mean time work has been continued with the old machinery until the main or No. 1 shaft has reached a depth of 800 feet and levels run, opening out the ore shoot, to a depth of 60 feet. No. 2 and No. 3 shafts have yet to be opened. Superintendent E. A. Hardy left this week for Boston to consult with the general future work.

The Mack Consolidated Gold Mining Company are getting excellent results from their mine on the Oak Flat. The property consists of the Mack and Wooten mines, on the same vein as the now celebrated Longfellow. The vein runs east and west dips north and is quite flat, lying at an angle of about thirty degrees to the surface. The Mack property is developed by an incline shaft 430 feet deep. The vein has been well opened by having levels run every 100 feet and shows up a large expanse of ore that will pay well. Scattered through the milling ore are rich bunches of high grade often showing "more gold than rock." It is an open secret that an important development has been made of good grade milling ore to the 400 level.

The company have a 75-horse power boiler and latest improved hoist on the way to the mine and it is their intention to remodel the present incline shaft and sink to a depth of 1200 feet or more, where a large mill will be erected, near the mine, as it has been demonstrated by tests that the entire vein will pay to mill. The mine is under the able superintendency of Charles L. Hard and it is the general opinion that it has a bright future.

At the Harvard mine underground development work is progressing rapidly on both No. 5 and No. 7 levels through No. 2 shaft. The work of sinking No. 1 shaft below No. 2 level has been commenced and also raising No. 5 level to connect with the same, as it is the intention to hoist a large portion of the milling ore through this shaft direct to the mill plant. The 60-stamp mill is nearing completion and Superintendent Munger hopes to begin dropping stamps by April 1st.

At the Dreisam mine the new electric plant which furnishes lights for the surface works was started up last week and gives satisfaction. In the past the mine has been lighted by No. 5 level has reached the Ophir vein. The fissure is six feet wide and contains two feet of high grade quartz. At this point drifting north and south on the vein has begun. The Dreisam mill is running steadily on ore from slopes on the Yellow Jacket vein.

CALAVERAS COUNTY.

Prospect: Work at the electric plant and at the Utica possessions above town is being awaited with patience. The mine is doing that every body is waiting for something to turn up, or for the coming of an awakening boom. Anything to let loose the busy bee of industry. Mitchell's Last Chance, west of town, is coming to the front with a most remarkable lead. Recently a large cave took place in the old shaft whereby a large vein of good quartz was brought to view fully ten feet in width. Formerly ore was mined from this vein, but the vein was only a few inches wide. Now tons can be secured. If it only averages one-half its former richness the mine will be a big bonanza, to be sure.

The Big Horn, at San Domingo, is prospecting work actively and profitably. Some little prospecting is being done at present in the hills east of Murphys. Though no good discoveries have been made it is conceded to be a likely section. The ledge to the west of the mine is somewhat neglected by the mine-hunters. All the ridges north and south of this one have one or more good claims on them. W. J. Hackett brought down from Flanders' ranch last Sunday a piece of peculiar looking quartz, which, it is said, will go about \$3 to the ton.

W. B. Lake is still pushing work on a small scale at the Eho placers. A company has recently been formed and it is their intention to do much development work in the near future. There is no doubt but the old river channel runs through old Mable Mountain. From recent work it looks as though Mr. Lake is on the right track and chasing the proper gold deposits.

The Santa Anna mine, which has been in operation for some time, is now being worked with full force of men. The main shaft on this property has already reached a depth of 700 feet, so that a large force of men can now be employed to advantage. The bad weather, however, has been a hindrance to the winter main has been one of the causes of delay. With fine weather assured for the future, the prospect of development is good.

The St. Lawrence mine started Thursday of this week to pump out the water and as this work is done the programme is to drift both ways from the shaft on the lead.

W. D. Riley of Murphys was in town this week, and reports that he has recently bonded his mine on the Stanislaus River, near Frenchburg. This mine is bound to be one of the good producers in the near future. There is an eight-foot ledge, yielding \$8.15 to the ton in free gold. There is a sixty-foot tunnel on the mine and a shaft of twenty feet depth. It is expected that the water will be all out of the Union Copper, at Copperopolis by the 17th inst. They have now reduced it to within forty feet of the surface.

Reports from the Sheep Ranch mine are very encouraging and those who have seen the rock that is now coming from the lower levels pronounce it very rich free milling. A fine twenty-stamp mill is now crushing the quartz and the mill is doing good work. The mine will again take its place as one of the best paying propositions in the county. Some heavy machinery is now being made at the Jackson foundry and preparatory work is being made to take power from the Utica electric plant above Murphys.

Chronicle: Encouraging reports come from the Lucas mine, now known as the Calaveras Gold mine. The mine is located near the Mokelumne River, about a mile from this place, and now being operated by C. E. Percy, C. D. Coran and Sydney Smith. About \$20,000 has lately been expended in improvements, a new compressed air plant has been installed and the mine has been newly equipped and started to work on ore from the lower tunnel, which has been driven in 400 feet, making in all 700 feet. With its free and plentiful supply of water the new owners of the Lucas property are now mining and milling for the remarkably small cost of \$1 a ton.

Furniture for Sale.

The undersigned will sell all of her household furniture at private sale. Residence on Broadway, Jackson, Cal. 2-24-tf MRS. E. B. ROBERTSON.

THE BIG FIVE DO BUSINESS

The Current Expenses of the County Approved.

ROAD TO BE BUILT AND DEEDED TO THE COUNTY

Two Retail Liquor Licenses Granted.—Warrants Amounting to \$7188.16 Cancelled.

Regular meeting Board of Supervisors held this 5th day of March, 1900, and following proceedings are had:

Roll call. Present—A. B. McLaughlin, chairman; P. Dwyer, J. T. Clifton, M. Brinn, Fred B. LeMoine.

Minutes of last regular and special meetings are read and approved.

Following claims are examined, approved and ordered paid as follows:

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND.

Geo. F. Mack, deputy Assessor, Feb.	\$100.00
D. F. Gray, constable fees.	16.70
Warren E. Dean, reporting case.	16.00
C. L. Culbert, indexes Probate Court Records—20 years.	800.00
Capital T. & Co., telephone service.	3.50
C. Richtmyer, water.	3.00
Western Union Tel. Co., rebate personal property taxes, 1899.	3.00
G. B. Arrata, erroneous assessment, 1899.	3.00
J. T. Clifton, mileage, 2 meetings.	5.00
Glavinovich & Parker, supplies.	4.55
Geo. A. Gordon, expenses Supt. Schools.	12.75
B. E. Letang, court house.	12.00
John G. Mack, erroneous Clerk's fees.	80.00
C. P. Vicini, expenses District Attorney.	7.50
Dr. E. V. Longie, examining insane.	5.00
G. E. Freeman, stationery.	32.10
Courtright & Co., erroneous assessments, 1899.	45.00
Fred B. LeMoine, mileage, 2 meetings.	4.00
A. B. McLaughlin.	6.00
Alfred Goldner, benzine, etc.	1.75
W. F. Parker, night watchman.	10.00
Morris Brinn, mileage, 2 meetings.	1.00
Amador Co. Pub. Co., printing.	46.50
H. Goldner, justice health officer.	21.00
S. G. Spagnoli, postage and revenue stamps.	18.00
Amador E. Ry. & L. Co., electric lights.	4.80
U. S. Gregory, board for prisoners.	85.50
P. Kelly, constable fees, 1899.	16.00
John R. Trelogan, witness fees.	1.00
L. Oettinger, witness fees.	1.00
S. H. Hawkins, justice for Giles jury.	0.45
J. H. Giles, justice fees.	6.00
L. L. Godfrey, book case and repairs.	32.84
W. A. Woodruff, witness fees.	25.00
W. S. Coudge, witness fees in Giles case.	2.00
Sunset Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone.	3.60
W. E. Finn, witness fees.	1.00
Fred Werner, witness fees.	1.00
P. T. Turner, witness fees.	1.00
W. A. Woodruff, witness fees.	1.00
Myrtle Richards, witness fees.	1.00
Mrs. C. W. Sadtler, witness fees.	1.00
C. Gilardi, witness fees.	3.40
Emma Perkins, witness fees.	1.00
Dr. A. M. Smith, examining insane.	5.00
Dr. E. E. Edmiston, health officer.	5.00
Amador District, job work.	113.75
A. D. Patterson, abstract mortgages.	183.00
J. E. Bawden, witness fees.	1.00
C. E. Froelich, witness fees.	1.00
N. S. Sorensen, witness fees.	1.00
Fred Raab, witness fees.	1.00
T. J. Mello, burial indigent.	30.00
Sunset Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone service.	6.00
John A. Brown, block maps, twp 9.	238.00
H. S. Crocker & Co., supplies for maps.	92.85
John A. Brown, block maps.	93.00

HOSPITAL FUND.

Amador E. Ry. & L. Co., electric lights.	1.50
C. Richtmyer, water, 3 months.	14.00
Wm. Schroder, digging graves.	21.00
A. B. Caminetti, fish.	3.00
J. Oneto, vegetables.	7.05
R. F. Allen, superintendent.	75.00
Thomas & Eadey, burial indigent.	84.00
B. Torres, conveying patient.	81.00
B. E. Letang, gas.	5.25
Dr. E. E. Edmiston, county physician.	60.00
Thomas & Eadey, 3 live hogs.	18.30
Sunset Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone.	2.50
Mrs. J. Turner, witness fees.	0.00
Maggie Fleming, cook.	25.00
Fred B. F. Allen, matron.	30.00
E. J. Kelley, conveying patients.	5.00
Glavinovich & Parker, provisions.	113.75
Glavinovich & Parker, clothing.	24.80

SALARY FUND.

J. T. Clifton, road commissioner, 3rd tps.	50.00
P. Dwyer, road commissioner, February.	25.00
Fred B. LeMoine, road commissioner.	25.00
M. Brinn, road commissioner, 2 months.	50.00
A. B. McLaughlin, road commissioner.	25.00

ROAD FUNDS.

Fred B. LeMoine, labor R D 5.	334.85
J. T. Clifton, labor R D 2.	317.08
A. B. McLaughlin, labor R D 3.	58.00
P. Dwyer, labor R D 1.	334.00

BRIDGE FUND.

E. S. Potter, lumber.	18.18
Chichola Estate Co., lumber.	137.82
J. T. Clifton, lumber.	91.46

SPECIAL ROAD FUNDS.

P. Dwyer, moving rock breaker.	15.00
J. T. Clifton, labor Jackson and Iowa road.	130.00
Morris Brinn.	133.65

Matter of the application of Geo. S. Jones to change the course of the old Sacramento road so as to have it on the boundary line of his property in Road District 5.

Application is granted upon the building of a new road and the deed of the same to the county.

Matter of the petition of W. R. Nichols et al to close and abandon a certain road in Road District 5.

Moved, seconded and carried that petition be granted as prayed for.

Application of Trustees of Jackson Lodge, I. O. O. F., for permission to construct a sewer across Main street, of the town of Jackson.

Application is granted provided the construction of the same does not interfere with the traveling public, or any sidewalks, pipes or sewers already laid or constructed.

Matter of the petition of A. Chichola for a new public road near Jackson Gate. Bond with sureties is approved by the Board.

Following viewers are appointed to view and lay out said proposed road. Wm. Moon, Wm. Rice and W. E. Downs, county surveyor.

Application of Paul Romanzenovich and Joseph H. Thomas for a retail liquor license in New Chicago. Application granted.

Application of Tony J. Mollo for a retail liquor license on Mokelumne River. Application granted.

WARRANTS CANCELLED.

School Fund.	3153.71
Current Expense Fund.	1629.38
Hospital Fund.	54.00
Salary Fund.	1059.64
Total.	\$7188.16

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Epworth Leaguers Meet.

At the regular business meeting of the Epworth League, held last Tuesday evening, in the M. E. Church, the young people were addressed by Dr. Gibbons on the subject of "Mental, Moral and Physical Culture."

Rev. Morrow then, on behalf of the League, presented Miss Crystal and Master Montie Snow with gold Epworth League badges. They will be constant reminders of Jackson when those young friends are far from us in the frozen regions of the north.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrow treated the members of the League to ice-cream and Epworth League cake, after which the young people dispersed to their homes at 9:30 p. m. All felt that they had spent a pleasant and profitable evening.

Criminal Returns.

H. GOLDNER, JUSTICE, TOWNSHIP NO. 1.

People vs. P. Rubenbach—Charged with vagrancy; healthy beggar; guilty and sent to jail for five days; costs, \$7.15.

People vs. T. Kelly—Living on sidewalks; guilty and sent to jail for five days; costs, \$7.15.

People vs. Mrs. M. G. Barker—Batterer; guilty; fined \$5.

People vs. John P. Driscoll—Healthy beggar; guilty and sent to jail for eight days; costs, \$7.15.

People vs. Joe Owens—Healthy beggar; guilty and sent to jail for five days; costs, \$7.15.

People vs. Joseph Ross—Embezzlement; guilty and sent to jail for fifty days; costs, \$11.

People vs. W. Endicott—Misdemeanor; guilty and sent to jail for thirty days; costs, \$11.

People vs. J. Gibbons—Disturbing the peace; guilty and judgement suspended; costs, \$7.15.

J. H. GILES, JUSTICE, TOWNSHIP NO. 4.

People vs. Ed Gidder—Disturbing the peace; guilty and sent to jail for five days; costs, \$7.15.

People vs. Dan Labich—Batterer; dismissed.

People vs. E. W. Reeves—Petty larceny; guilty and sent to jail for ten days; costs, \$11.40.

School Dressmaking.

The undersigned will return to Jackson in time to open the second term of her School of Dressmaking March 1st. Pupils for this term will not be received after March 15.

Funeral of J. A. Butterfield.

Under the auspices of the Chosen Friends and Odd Fellows of Jackson, Rev. F. A. Morrow officiating clergyman, the funeral of the late J. A. Butterfield took place from his late residence on Broadway, at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon of last week. The afternoon was pleasant and the funeral was largely attended. The following gentlemen officiated as pall bearers: Nathan T. Littlefield, W. C. Crocker, J. S. Alvise, A. Yo

